

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

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| MEETING COMMENCED | 2:00pm, June 25, 2020 Online |
| MEETING CALLED BY | Julie Manning |
| WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT | DeAnn Brown, Sandy Chase, Sarah Dorgan, Tonja Everest, Laura Farmer, Stephany Koehne, Kelly Locey, Julie Manning, Todd Miller, Lorena Reynolds, Bettina Schempf, Lauren Sigman, Rebekah Weinstein |
| STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT | Jerri Wolfe, Lynn Hall, Matt Grams, Connie Adams, Shirley Blake |
| GUESTS PRESENT | Kathryn Berns |
| VERSION | FINAL |
| RECORDED | Yes |

Agenda topics

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| SPECIAL PRESENTATION | Kindergarten Assessment Data, Kathryn Berns, M.S. Epidemiology |
| <p>Kathryn Berns culminated her internship with the EL Hub with a presentation of her work on the Expanded Analysis of Kindergarten Assessment Scores for 2018-2019 School Year. Her work adds a second cohort to the data previously analyzed, increasing understanding of the importance of quality early education for children in our communities.</p> <p>The conclusion for Board Members stated that students arriving to kindergarten knowing some letter names and sounds could catch up by third grade, and disparities in early learning access can be seen in third grade scores.</p> | |

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| DIRECTORS REPORT | Hub Updates, Kristi Collins |
| <p>Preschool Promise Funding: Due to state budget changes from COVID-19, Preschool Promise funding has been postponed.</p> <p>Coordinated Enrollment: Coordinated Enrollment staffing is also on hold due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Child Care Partners Meetings: EL Hub staff and CCR&R staff have been hosting weekly meetings for child care partners in the community. Attendees and staff members discuss what is going on with changes in child care, rules and regulations guidance from the state, and grant opportunities. Currently, participants are concerned about coordination with schools' hybrid schedules for cohorts and how that will be managed with multiple child care providers. Following a request by the ELD, the Hub is providing feedback from communities and providers for upcoming child care policies.</p> <p>Family Connects: Work continues and Hub staff have met regularly with representatives from Duke University. The current emphasis is on community alignment in each of the counties. The Pollywog database was recognized as a good example of the type of referral and resource system that Family Connects uses. The Hub plans to have a community alignment specialist housed within Pollywog and is waiting more information from OHA following submission of sample budgets.</p> <p>Kristi presented to Board Members the idea of switching to Zoom for virtual meeting access. This switch would save money for the Hub over the current access through Adobe Connect. Board Members gave the okay to try Zoom for the next meeting.</p> | |

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| FISCAL REPORT | Matt Grams |
| Matt Grams presented the revenue, expenditures, and miscellaneous reports for May 2020. He reported the Hub has not incurred extra expenses due to COVID-19. | |

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| CONSENT ITEMS | April Meeting Minutes | | | |
| The Board was asked to approve the minutes from the April 2020 board meeting. | | | | |
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| 2 nd : Lorena Reynolds | | | | |
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| The Board voted to approve the minutes. | | | | |

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | EL Hub Funding, Kristi Collins |
| Possible funding reductions for the Hub were shared with Board Members, including possible reductions of up to 8.5%. Per email received the day of the meeting, the EL Hub is contracted for all funds that were allocated and should proceed as planned until told otherwise. This includes funding for summer programs and continuity of care. | |

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | 2020-2021 Budget, Kristi Collins | | | |
| Approval from Board Members for EL Hub staff salaries for July was requested by Kristi, in light of the current budget uncertainty. | | | | |
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| The Board voted to approve staff salaries for July. | | | | |

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | GoKids Initiative, Kristi Collins |
| Kristi shared that much work has been done for this position and it is currently on hold due to possible changes to the Hub's funding from the state. The grant from OCF will cover half of the cost and OCF has communicated their understanding of the reason for the hold. | |

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | Pollywog Update, Connie Adams |
| Connie shared the Pollywog Update prepared by LeAnne Trask, including a large increase in new website visitors in May. This increase coincided with an increase in social media outreach targeted toward families in quarantine. | |
| Pollywog has been invited by OCF to apply for Year Two Funding for the Lincoln County Expansion. | |

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | Parent Engagement Efforts, Shirley Blake |
| Shirley gave an update to Board Members about parent engagement, including equity in outreach by ensuring information is available in Spanish as well as English. This includes the Parent Voice blogs and the Pollywog newsletter. | |

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | System of Care Update, Jennifer Schwartz |
| Postponed to August meeting. | |

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| NEXT MEETING | 2:00-4:00pm, 7/9/2020 Remote meeting via Zoom |
| MEETING ADJOURNED | 3:15pm |